

GARY REPORT

Lazarus

Luke 16:19-31

“Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, joyously living in splendor every day. And a poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores, and longing to be fed with the *crumbs* which were falling from the rich man’s table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham’s bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried. In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried out and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, **and send Lazarus** so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and *that* none may cross over from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ But he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!’ But he said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded **even if someone rises from the dead.**’”

So we ask a most important question: Did indeed “Lazarus” rise from the dead? Most certainly so. In John 11:1-44 we have the familiar account where Yahshua called forth from the grave none other than Lazarus. Without a doubt, these two accounts are connected. Why? Here again we see the relevance of this passage where Yahshua clearly declared, “Unless those days had been cut short, no flesh would have been saved; but through the elect **those days will be cut short**” (Matthew 24:22 and Mark 13:20). Christianity was supposed to get three thousand years, and then rest on their eighth-day Sunday Sabbath. And following Yahshua’s work, and then on the cross there were indeed three hours of darkness, and Christianity would in truth get three thousand years of darkness. But we find from His own words, if that took place, no flesh would be saved!

Christianity does not have the ability to lay their lives down and pick them up again; so death would certainly be insured for them: “My God my God, why have you forsaken us?” Therefore their “hell” concept via Luke 16:19-31 must indeed be cut short. As the rich man pleaded, “Lazarus” will indeed come forth, even as Yahshua declared: “Lazarus, come forth” (John 11:43). The cry of the enlightened rich man will indeed be heard and fulfilled: “No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead,

they will repent!" And that Lazarus work will be the two-part Martha and Mary Bride, accompanying the Son of God who has conquered death for all men. That is the mystery we find in these two Lazarus's.

You may recall that when Yahshua was told that Lazarus was sick, that He waited two days before He would leave. Why? Because He waits two "days," or 2,000 years, before He returns. And did both Mary and Martha come out together to greet Yahshua? No. First to come out and greet Him was first Remnant Martha. Martha then went back to the beloved second Remnant Mary and exclaimed, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." This is where He is today—preparing His return and calling out a Mary bride. And verse 2 tells us that she was the one "who anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair." Again, such must be our works today, preparing the way for Yahshua's return.

Furthermore, verse 30 tells us that Yahshua "had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha met Him." Timing wise, He had not yet returned to this earth for His second coming, but now with His two-part Martha first Remnant and Mary second Remnant, we do indeed go to Him at His calling, and with us He will come back to this earth and accomplish what He said in the Luke 16 parable that He would not do. He changes His mind and comes a "day," a thousand years early.

It is most interesting that the word "hades," or hah'-dace, identified in Luke 16:19-31, literally means "not see." Christianity certainly does not see or understand what the Father is doing. In like testimony, they are the afflicted Body of Christ in the hands of the Romans, and a blindfold is placed over their eyes so that they cannot see: "they blindfolded Him and *repeatedly* asked Him, saying, "Prophesy, who is the one who hit You?" (Luke 22:64). They are in hades and do not see, even unknowing of the affliction of Satan and the world, while the Bride is comforted in Abraham's bosom, and by God's grace and calling do indeed see—things that man has never before seen.

May truth ever continue,

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